

Wathen-Stonestreet Property (demolished)
CH-749
Faulkner
Private

1900-1925

The Wathen-Stonestreet Property is an altered example of early 20th century architecture in Charles County. Erected between 1900-1925, the dwelling is of interest because of its association with the railroad village of Faulkner. The dwelling, now demolished, stood at the intersection of the Baltimore-Potomac Railroad and Faulkner Road in the turn-of-the-century village of Faulkner. The massed framed 1 ½ story dwelling faced southwest and included a hipped standing seam roof pierced with a single shed dormer on each elevation, and two interior brick chimneys. Lothair, later renamed Faulkner was one of several railroad villages established as a result of the construction of the Baltimore-Potomac Railroad. Each town consisted of little more than a small station, several houses, and sometimes a corner store. Lothair was established in 1877 when a local resident, James Faulkner, a blacksmith and furrier, announced that he had "a large stock of winter horseshoes of all sorts and sizes." While its passenger heyday was during the first three decades of the 20th century, trains continued to make several weekly trips to Faulkner as late as 1964.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-749

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Wathen-Stonestreet Property

other

2. Location

street and number 9930 Faulkner Road not for publication

city, town Faulkner vicinity

county Charles

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James M. And Delores E. Wathen

street and number PO Box 162 telephone 301-934-9238

city, town Faulkner state MD zip code 20632

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 64 p.33

city, town La Plata liber 1403 folio 446

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category		Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district		<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	1	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure		<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site			<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social		structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object			<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		objects
			<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	1	Total
			<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
			<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
			<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
					Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
					0	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Wathen-Stonestreet Property, demolished shortly after being surveyed, stood at the intersection of the Baltimore-Potomac Railroad and Faulkner Road in the turn-of-the-century village of Faulkner. The massed framed 1 1/2 story dwelling faced southwest and included a hipped standing seam roof pierced with a single shed dormer on each elevation, and two interior brick chimneys. The frame was covered in asbestos shingle siding and the porch was located under the principle roofline on the southernmost corner. The house rested on a continuous poured concrete foundation. A hipped-roof enclosed addition stood on the southwest elevation and a full-width screened porch was found on the northeast elevation. Windows were a combination of original 2/2 and replacement 1/1 sash.

The interior included a wide hall running southwest to northeast. On the south end of the hall stood two bedrooms. A large parlor and dining/room and kitchen were located to the north of the hall. The interior included 5-panel doors, and wide Victorian surrounds finished with plinths and bullseyes. The ceiling was dropped to accommodate ductwork and imitation wood paneling had been added throughout.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1900-1925

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1900-1925

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Wathen-Stonestreet Property is an altered example of early 20th century architecture in Charles County. Erected between 1900-1925, the dwelling is of interest because of its association with the railroad village of Faulkner. The introduction of a railroad in Charles County following the Civil War brought significant changes to the local landscape and economy. As early as 1854, a railroad through the county had been proposed, but was delayed by the Civil War. In 1872, the idea was revived, and the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad began construction of a line between Bowie, Maryland and Pope's Creek in Charles County. Later, the Pennsylvania Railroad acquired the line and proceeded to connect it to Washington, DC via Bowie. The first regular daily passenger service from Cox's Station to Bowie began running in January 1873. New "railroad" towns began to spring up along the railroad's route. Each town consisted of little more than a small station, several houses, and sometimes a corner store. White Plains, Waldorf, and La Plata were all formed after the construction of the railroad, and grew up around their railroad stations. White Plains got its start as a railroad village in 1873. Waldorf was established in 1872 along the B & P Railroad line, and by 1880, had its own post office.

Originally known as Lothair, Faulkner was the last stop on the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad before the track descended to reach its terminus at Popes Creek. Daily passenger service began in 1873 and within the next five years, businesses began to cluster around newly established stations including Cox's (Bel Alton), La Plata, White Plains and Beantown (Waldorf). In the case of Lothair, in 1877 James Faulkner, a blacksmith and furrier, announced that he had "a large stock of winter horseshoes of all sorts and sizes." While its passenger heyday was during the first three decades of the 20th century, trains continued to make several weekly trips to Faulkner as late as 1964. The construction of the railroad, which ran virtually through the center of Charles County, had a tremendous impact on the lives of local citizens. New consumer goods ranging from foods to fabrics and all kinds of building products arrived by rail. Conversely, agricultural products from the surrounding area were shipped to metropolitan markets. The increased availability of building materials in particular, had a dramatic effect on the built environment as builders incorporated mass produced products into new building construction.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .34

Acreage of historical setting .34

Quadrangle name Popes Creek

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 64, Grid 15, Parcel 33.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Charles County Planning

date 9/4/2002

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city or town La Plata

state MD zip code 20646

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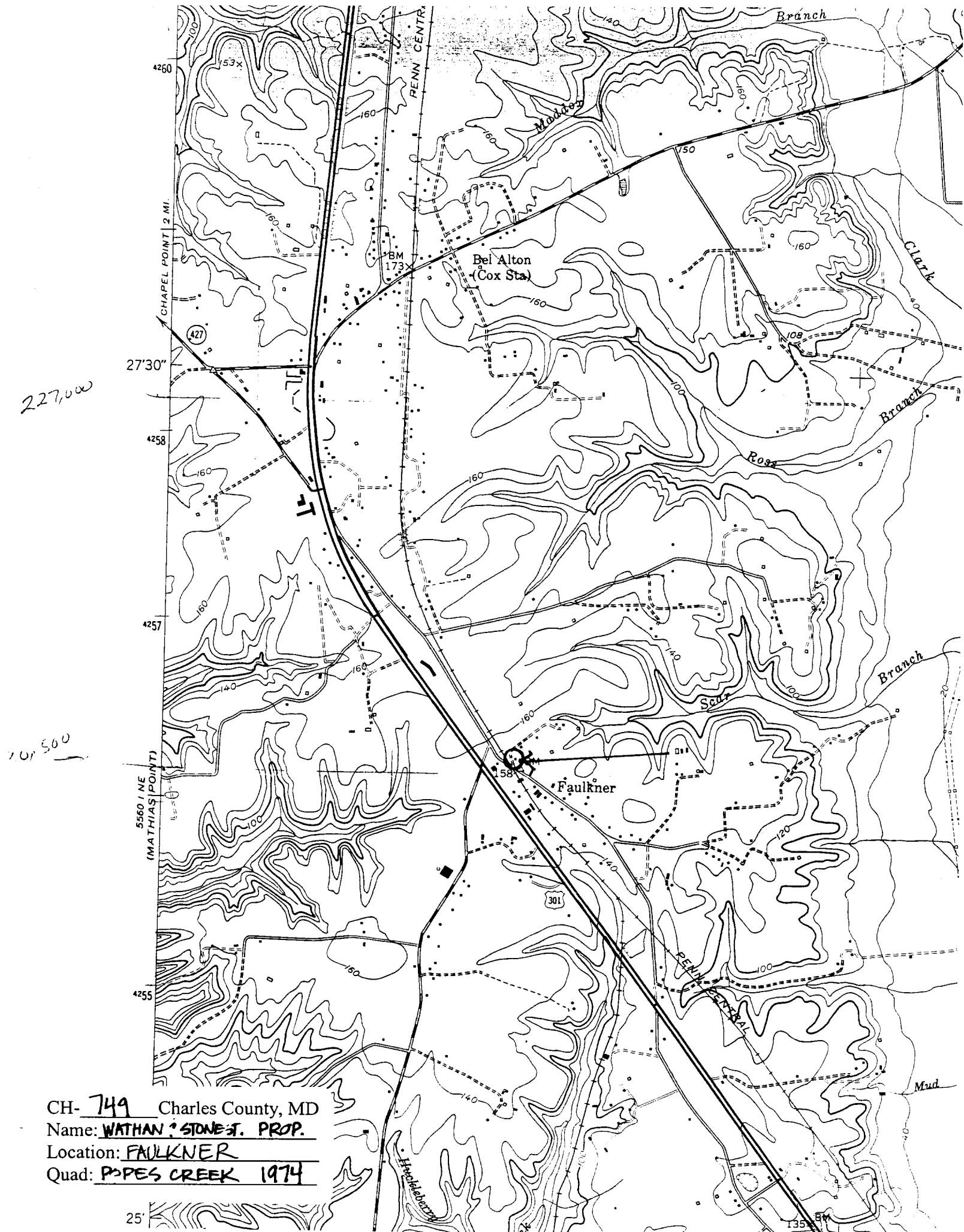
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Wathan-Stonestreet Property
name of property
Charles County, MD
county and state

Chain of Title:

1946	Betty Ann Jameson to J. Leo and Mary L. Wathan to 5.95 acres 83/189
1936	J. Leo Wathan and Joseph N. Stonestreet to Mrs. C.H. and Robert A. Wathan. Life tenancy to Mrs. C.H. Wathan and then to Robert A. Wathan 68/292
circa 1920	Ruth A. Herbert, widow to J. Leo Wathan and Joseph N. Stonestreet WMA 59/94
circa 1900	To Ruth A. Herbert WMA 54/130





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CHARLES CO. MD
C. HARDY
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LOOKING NE
1 OF 3



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CHARLES

CO. MD

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MD SHPO

INTERIOR HALL

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